

REMARKS

The Applicants wish to thank Examiner Graham for the courtesy extended to the undersigned attorney during the telephone interview of January 10, 2008. During this interview, it was discussed that Examiner Graham and his Primary Examiner reviewed this case. Furthermore, Examiner Graham suggested that the claims should be in condition for allowance if the claims were amended to remove any intended use claim language. Applicants have taken Examiner Graham's suggestion and accordingly submit amended claims herewith.

Claims 1-17, 19-25, 27-33, and 35-36 are pending in this application.

A. Claims 1, 8, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, and 29: 35 U.S.C. §101

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Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in condition for allowance and that this rejection should be withdrawn.

B. Claims 1, 8, 11, and 15: 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

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C. Claims 1-14: 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

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D. Claims 15-17 and 27-28: 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

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E. Claims 19-22: 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

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F. Claims 23-25, 29-33, and 35-36: 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

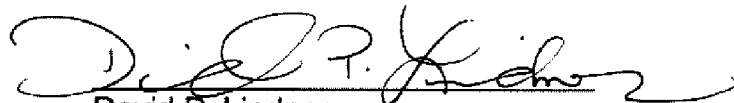
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CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if it would expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David P. Lindner", written over a horizontal line.

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